

Report on Sunset Review & Joint Legislative Budget Committee Review of PSCC

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Sunset Review & Outcome



- State agencies, boards, commissions, institutions & programs subject to Sunset Review pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2954.
 - Requires Legislative (Committee of Reference – COR) review of purpose & functions.
 - PSCC COR: Senate Public Safety & House Public Safety, Military & Regulatory Affairs Committees
 - Decides if continuation, termination or other changes are warranted.
 - October 23rd public hearing by COR to discuss audit & receive testimony.
- Two year extension & request to report to COR in 2014
 - Recommendations for changing the PSCC statute or;
 - Plan for development of an statewide interoperable system

JLBC Review & Outcome



- ADOA required to submit an annual report to the JLBC
 - *“Review regarding expenditures and progress of the commission, including a review of staff operations and preparation of requests for proposals for system detail and concept work”.*
 - Favorable or Unfavorable review options
- JLBC granted favorable review the annual report at October 29, 2013 meeting, but with discussion...

JLBC Questions & Issues



- Legislators questions & concerns focused on statewide interoperability performance metrics such as;
 - % coverage
 - % incidence of use
 - timeline for 100% coverage & 100% incidence achievement
 - # of personnel trained
- Interpreted to mean Legislature's expectation for statewide system to solve interoperability
- Interpreted to mean Legislature's perception that A.R.S. § 41-3542 A calls for PSCC to build and operate such a system

PSCC Enabling Legislation



- A.R.S. [§ 41-3541](#) established the PSCC and membership
- A.R.S. [§ 41-3542 A.](#) established the duties of the PSCC:

The Arizona public safety communications advisory commission shall make recommendations to the department regarding the development and maintenance of work plans to outline areas of work to be performed and appropriate schedules for at least the following:

- 1. The [development of a standard based system](#) that provides interoperability of public safety agencies' communications statewide.*
- 2. The [promotion of the development and use of standard based systems](#).*
- 3. The [identification of priorities and essential tasks determined by the advisory commission](#).*
- 4. The development of a timeline for project activities.*
- 5. Completion of a [survey of existing and planned efforts](#) statewide and benchmark against similar efforts nationally.*
- 6. [Providing support for the state interoperability executive committee](#).*
- 7. Establishing committees and work groups as necessary.*

Key Questions for Consideration/Discussion



- How should the Commission remedy the difference between the Legislature's perception of the need and its interpretation of the statute, and the historical, literal statutory role of the PSCC?
- Should the Commission explore seeking changes to the PSCC statute?
- Should the Commission engage policy makers to educate them on current strategy?
- Are there plans or budget requests that the Commission should develop over the next year to address legislator's concerns?

Next Steps



- Conduct survey among PSCC members
- Individual interviews with Commission members by Sandeen & Sherman
- Discussion outline to Commissioners prior to interview
- Report of findings at forthcoming PSCC meeting
- Assist Commission in developing action plans based on findings